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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 1

1. IRAQI DEFENSE MINISTER KILLED

WHEN AN ATTEMPT BY IRAQ'S DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SECURITY TO KIDNAP HIS OWN MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR WAS DISCOVERED, THE DIRECTOR ATTEMPTED TO FLEE BAGHDAD WITH THE MINISTERS AND WAS CAPTURED. DURING THE FLIGHT THE DEFENSE MINISTER, GEN. HAMMAD SHEHAB, WAS SHOT TO DEATH AND THE INTERIOR MINISTER WAS WOUNDED. ALTHOUGH A COUP ATTEMPT IS SPECULATED, THERE IS AS YET NO HARD INFORMATION ON THE DIRECTOR'S MOTIVES. (UNCLASSIFIED) REUTER RNR 86, 7/1, AND WTOP EVENING NEWS, 7/1.

2. US ARMS POLICIY IN THE PERSIAN GULF

EMBASSY KUWAIT REPORTS THAT RECENT US ARMS SALES TO IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT HAVE FUELED THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE). TWO POTENTIAL BUYERS OF US EQUIPMENT ARE THE UNION DEFENSE FORCE AND THE ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE WHICH IS CURRENTLY PROCURING FRENCH AND SECRET

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BRITISH EQUIPMENT. AMBASSADOR STOLZFUS RECOMMENDS THAT

THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONSIDER SENDING A MILITARY TEAM TO
STUDY UAE REQUIREMENTS. (SECRET) KUWAIT 2295, 7/1. RUSH

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